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THE FAR EAST.

AMERICAN SHIPS.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

In the House of Commons on
Tuesday a question was put to the
President of the Board of Trade by
Mr. Alfred T. Davies in the following
terms:—

To ask the President of the Board
of Trade whether any agreement or
arrangement has been made with the
Shipping Department of the United
States of America whereby American
ships may be permitted to trade on
British lines to the Far East.

Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, Parlia-
mentary Secretary, in a written reply,
stated:—

No such agreement or arrangement
has been made so far as I am aware.
The matter involved in the question
raised by Mr. Davies is so important
that it will be of interest to describe
the precise stage which has now been
reached in certain negotiations. The
matter closely concerns the shipping
policy of the United States, the
relationship between the mercantile
marine of the United States and the
shipping of other nations, and a con-
siderable question of principle.

In September British shipping com-
panies were approached with a view
to the entry of United States vessels
into the regular trade between the
Far East and the United Kingdom and
the Continent. The proposal indicated
a desire on the part of the United
States to participate in the world's
carrying trade, as distinct from ser-
vices to and from the United States.
Engaged regularly in this particular
route are, besides British vessels,
liners of the French, Italian, Dutch,
Norwegian, and Japanese mercantile
marines, and vessels of Danish,
Swedish, and Russian East Asiatic
companies. All these ships, unlike
those of the United States mercantile
marine which have sought participa-
tion in the business, have it will be
noticed, terminal ports in Europe or
the Far East.

RECENT NEGOTIATIONS.

A meeting to discuss the proposal,
at which representatives of the
United States Shipping Board and of
leading American firms were present,
was held in London on September 23,
and the gist of what happened at
the meeting was described in the
Times of the following day. It was
then pointed out that the various
lines already in the trade, including,
of course, the British, expressed
their entire approval that
United States vessels should
now participate with them in
the trade. This was a practical
answer to the point made that, since
the United States and the Allied
nations had fought together in time
of war, they should now work to-
gether in time of peace. The repre-
sentatives of the various British and
Continental lines proposed that the
United States vessels should enter

the trade on terms similar to those
governing the fleets already partici-
pating, securing similar benefits and
incurring similar obligations.

Herein lay a matter which might
possibly have proved a stumbling-
block. The ownerships already in
the trade between the Far East and
Europe co-operate in what is known
as a Conference, in which they come
together to discuss questions of prac-
tical working, such as the number of
sailings to be undertaken by each
line. The system of deferred rebates
is also employed. This means that
the shippers of goods who are able to de-
clare at the end of certain periods
that they have conferred their support
to the companies in the Conference
are granted a rebate on their freights.
Both the Conference system and the
practice of granting deferred rebates
have been publicly discussed from
time to time. Whatever the ad-
vantages or disadvantages may be,
the fact remains that a very large
proportion of the liner
traffic of the world, which is carried
on at fixed rates, whether the
ships are filled or not, is conducted on
these principles. In the United States
both the Conference system and the
practice of granting deferred rebates
are illegal. At one time British com-
panies trading to and from the
United States employed them, but
the lines were finally prohibited from
doing so by the Sherman Anti-Trust
Law. The systems are not practised
by the shipping companies of any
nation at the present time when
trading to and from the United
States.

In considering the suggestion that
United States vessels should enter a
trade having nothing to do
with the United States, the representa-
tives of the various other mercantile
marines concerned did not see how
the whole basis on which the business
was conducted could be upset to meet
conditions applying only to the United
States. The representatives of the
United States mercantile marine went
away from the meeting with the
expressed intention of considering
the problem, and hope was expressed
on every side that a happy solution
would be found.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

This solution now does seem to
have been reached. The lines al-
ready in the trade have received
intimation that the representatives
of the United States vessels are pre-
pared that their ships shall
enter the route on similar terms to
those governing existing vessels.
They have expressed their willing-
ness to join the Conference, and also
to practise the system of deferred
rebates. Both these systems are still
illegal in the United States under the
Sherman Anti-Trust Law, and, of
course, will, as in the past, not be
practised by the vessels of any
nationality while trading with United
States ports. A fear had been ex-
pressed in some quarters that law-
makers might hold that the law followed the
flag, and that, consequently, United

LESSON FROM JAPAN.

CURB ON PROFITEERS.

MERCHANTS CLIMB DOWN.

The determination of the workers
at the Kure Arsenal to knock a little
common-sense into the heads of the
merchants of that town has taken on
another development.

The shopkeepers had raised the
prices of their wares, knowing that
the workmen would have fairly full
purses as the result of the customary
bonus that is paid them at the end
of the year, and hoping thus to at-
tract part of this money into their
own pockets. But they were count-
ing without their host.

The Arsenal employees, deciding
that they had been double-crossed by
the retail merchants, whom they had
bought goods from all the year
round, subjected the merchants to a
regular boycott. The shoe began
to pinch and the merchants made
overtures for a compromise.

At a meeting held to discuss the
terms of the compromise, it was
decided by the workers that they
should make the following demands
on the shopkeepers:

(1). The Dealers' Guild must be
dissolved;

(2). Municipal authorities to fix
standard prices;

(3). All goods to be labelled with
these prices;

(4). Punishment of profiteers;

(5). Reduction in charges by
shoemakers and barbers.

The workmen threaten that if
these demands are not agreed to they
will patronise the merchants of some
other place.

A final meeting was to be held on
January 9.—Reuter.

States ownerships, could not fall into
line. But it appears that the wide
powers given in the new Jones Ship-
ping Act for the development of the
United States mercantile marine will
permit of United States vessels prac-
tising in world trades outside the
United States methods which are still
not permissible in that country.

The arrangements for the new
participation have reached so
advanced a stage that the terms of
the agreement have been prepared,
and are understood to be now await-
ing the signatures of the United
States representatives. The terms
give practical effect to the wishes,
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both in this country and in the United
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Hongkong, January 3, 1921.

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R. D. SPANION,
Hon. Secretary,
(Social Section.)

Hongkong, January 14, 1921.

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INTIMATIONS.

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AMOT & FORKSEA.

NOTICE.

MR. FRANCIS CAIRD HOGG, is authorized to sign our Firm's name as from 1st January, 1921.

TAIT & CO.
AMOT & FORKSEA.

NOTICE.

ALL CREDITORS and other having any claims on the Estate of WILLIAM WILSON, late of Messrs. Tait & Co., AMOT & FORKSEA, who died on the 7th January, 1921, are required to forward particulars thereof to the undersigned Executor before the 30th April, 1921.

FRED B. MARSHALL,
c/o Messrs. Tait & Co.
AMOT.

Hongkong, January 18, 1921.

NOTICE.

THIS is to inform the General Public that I, the undersigned, have not given any authority to any person or persons to sign my firm's name of JOSEPH BROS., or my own private name.

EDWARD MENASHIN JOSEPH.

Hongkong, January 10, 1921.

NOTICE.

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Peking: Peking-Hankow Railway, American, British, Belgian, French, Italian, and Japanese Legations.

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All applications for same must be accompanied with pounds 6 for foreign countries and with dollars 30 for Peking.

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Hongkong, January 7, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL ROBERT BURNS ANNIVERSARY DINNER, will be held at the ROSSMORE HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

Members desiring to attend are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

Cost of Dinner will be \$3.00 per head, exclusive of wines.

T. W. HILL,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

Hongkong, January 18, 1921.

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THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 28th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary

to the General Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 11.40 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, January 19th to FRIDAY, January 28th both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary

to the General Managers.

Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

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Secretary

Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

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EMULATING THE RICH.

"GOOD TIMES" ORANGE.

TRAGEDY OF GIRLS IN THE MIDDLE CLASSES.

The new immorality, caused by the frenzied rush of all classes of society for a good time, is dealt with by "The Gentleman with a Duster," the unknown author of "The Mirrors of Downing-street," whose second article appeared in *The Weekly Dispatch*. The writer points out that the middle classes are trying to emulate the extravagances of the Rich, but with a smaller income.

Of the tragedy of the poorer elements of the middle classes, the writer says:

"I have visited many hostels occupied by girls of education, who are training for a professional career. The casualties in this quarter are the casualties of semi-starvation. These girls, many of them fresh and graceful, are hectic, excitable, unstable, neurotic. When they are hungry they drink tea; when they are racked by nerves they smoke cigarettes. A slight illness brings them to collapse. Many die when they are quite young."

"Who's to blame?" "These girls, fighting for their careers, spend every penny they can scrape together on raiment. They stand no chance if they are not fashionably dressed. Artificial silk means more to them than honest wool."

"There is a sordid aspect of this cash corruption. The vice of our public streets has undergone a remarkable change. There is a new race of immoral women. They come from offices and shops. They are young, and the glamour of the summit has bewitched them. They desire the life of fashion, the life of indelicate clothes, gilded restaurants, the theatre, and the night club."

"They are not vicious. They have none of the criminal instincts of those women who complain of their competition. Ask them what they want, and they will tell you 'a good time. That is all. They want to see life. They have looked up to our highest, and in their own small way would copy them. So they sell first their modesty and then their virtue. It is the price they pay for 'a good time.'"

"We sell our honours for money by the hand of our Prime Minister and in the name of our Sovereign. These girls give their honour for the

TOKYO'S OBSERVATORY.

COMPLAINT AGAINST SERVICE.

GROWING DISSATISFACTION.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.—The Tokyo Asahi remarks that there is a growing dissatisfaction among the general public with the weather forecasts issued by the Central Meteorological Observatory, which are found to be unreliable. An official of the Observatory, interviewed by the Asahi, admitted that there was ground for complaint but pointed out that the inadequate equipment of the Observatory was responsible for the faulty forecasts issued. Accurate weather prophecy, the official explained, demanded costly apparatus, which the Observatory must forego unless the authorities granted a considerable appropriation for improvements.—Reuter.

same exchange. Money can buy anything, even what is called an 'illegal operation'."

"Go lower still. There is a collapse of the most primitive virtue among girls who live in the stunts of our seaport towns. Some of these girls are the very dregs of degradation. Most of them, however, are inspired by the same motive as moves the millionaire to activity. They want money. And they want money for the same reason as the millionaire's wife and daughters want it; for display, for rich food, for excitement, for 'a good time.' Tell them that it is wrong to be immodest, wicked to be immoral, and they will point to the heights, laughing you to scorn for a canting, psalm-singing charlatan. They have ceased to feel the smallest respect for virtue. After all, to the eyes of eternal judgment, is there much difference in moral values between the summit and the abyss?"

"There comes from social workers in all quarters of our congested and violent life a cry that borders on despair. The womanhood of the nation is becoming corrupt. There is a decided movement among the older women towards drunkenness, among the younger women towards vice. A lady who has visited the common lodging-houses of London says that girls of a decent class are now to be found there among the vilest women. Out of twenty-eight inmates in one district alone fifteen were found with venereal disease."

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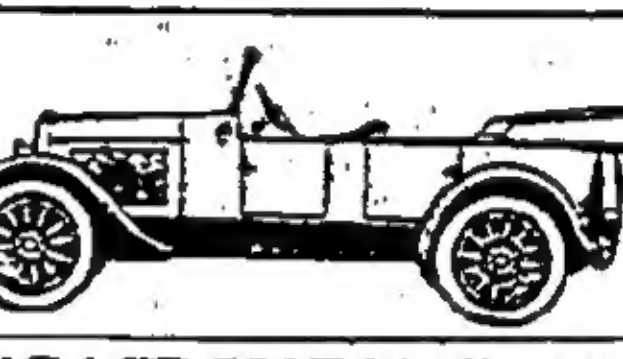
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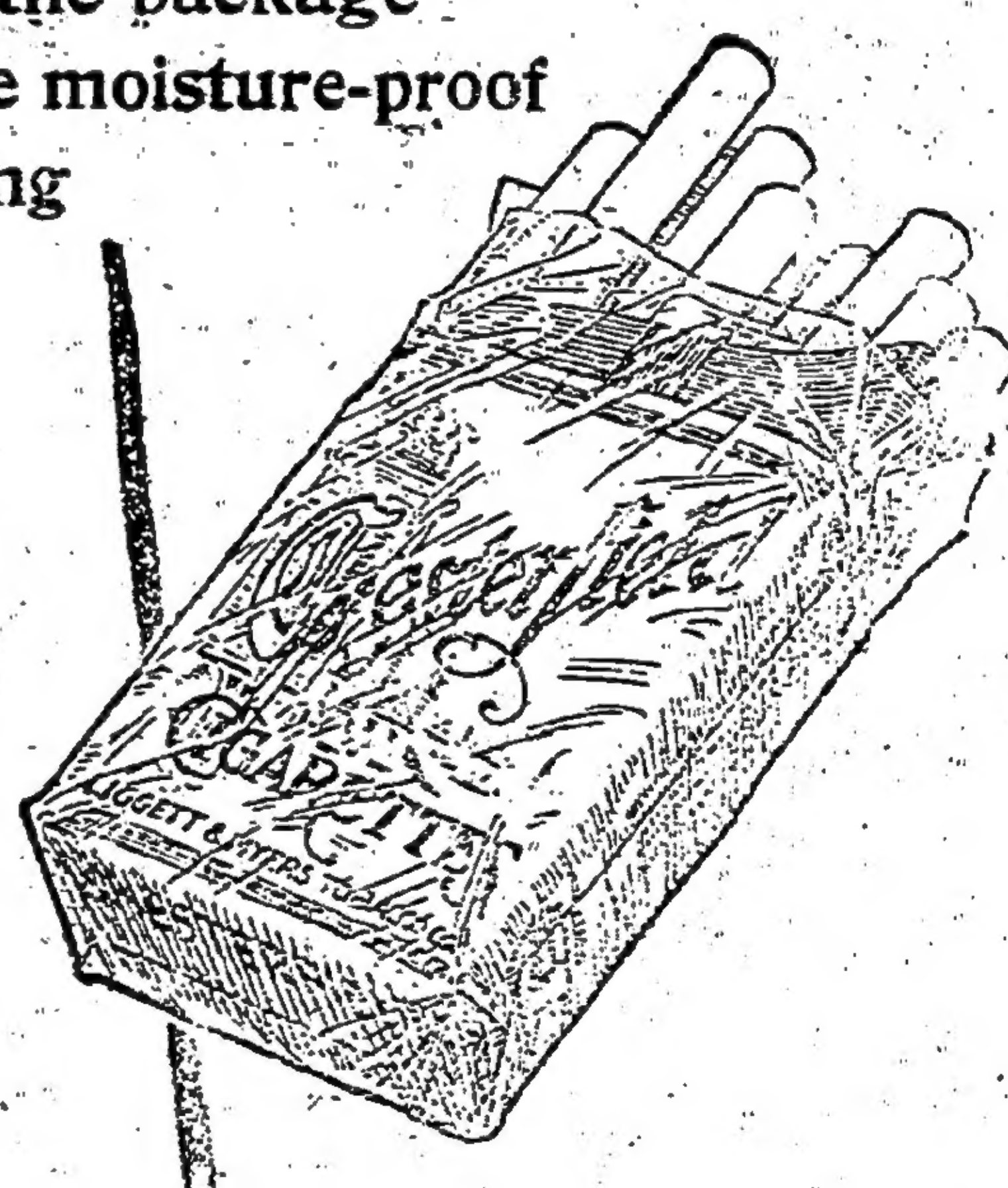
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DEATH.

DIYER.—At Glasgow, on the 11th
Inst., Marie Euphémie Aquart
Ferguson, wife of the late Dr.
Henry Dyer.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19, 1921.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

The way to tell a cad from a gentleman in these days is to get him to talk about Japan and America. If he seems to like the prospect of a war between those countries, if, indeed, he is not honestly grieved at the idea of another war following so soon the late world horror, he is a cad. Now that we are assured there is every prospect of an amicable settlement following the deplorable incident at Vladivostok, we feel safer in referring to the relations of these two countries, for newspaper comments, unless very carefully guarded, may easily contribute the last little shake that starts the avalanche. No friend of America wants to see her at war again. No friend of Japan desires to see her again engaged in one. As for those who do not claim either category, our opening remark covers them. There is always something ghastly in the way neutrals talk of such possibilities, as free spectators, and it is especially painful to encounter such now, after the awful example of recent years.

Partisan humanitarian objections, and the objections of those who desire to see civilization established, Hongkong should have sufficient self-regarding reasons for

wishing to see peace preserved. Those who find the cost of living high now would probably find it much higher in the event of another war. There is no opening to doubt that we would be a neutral, but we have seen how little neutrals nowadays escape the consequences of wars. The world is economically so very much one country now, its peoples so interdependent in many ways, that scarcely any nation or place can count on being undisturbed by war's effects, which are, as experience has shown us, nowadays incalculable and not to be insured against by any provision.

We are sorry, but not surprised, to find Shanghai accused of promulgating rumours calculated to aggravate any strain there may exist between America and Japan. It is a notorious nest of guile, of mischievous exaggerations, of rumour-mongers. It is, however, not alone in this brand of devilry, akin to the business of the sneaking boy at school who brings about fights by "making mischief." Many of these liars mean no harm, their only intention being to be interesting to creatures of their own kind. A contemptible class, but the harm they may do with their pinpricks is immense. It has been going on for some time, so far as these two countries are concerned, and the baser sort of newspapers have pandered to it. The Chinese papers, as might have been expected, have leaped eagerly at the chance, and the Japanese Foreign Office has had to deny that the relations of America and Japan are strained to such an extent that there is any thought of war on either side. The extremists in California have not got all America behind them, and we are glad to be assured that the chauvinists of Japan are not a majority, but are being opposed by a steadily growing body of Japanese public opinion. It is in times such as these that the publicist of good will is

tempted to wish that there were no newspapers, because they so seldom seem to care to fight for righteousness and reason in such "crises." A "crisis" seems to excite even the best of them. Like the horse in the bible, they snuff the battle from afar. They are too quick to cry "aba." For they speak not peace, but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

From accounts of the Vladivostok incident to hand it is impossible to attach blame to anybody. It reads like one of those accidents that are forever happening where there are armed sentries. But even if it turned out to be a murder, there is no excuse for invoking Bellona, so long as the attitude of the authorities is "correct," and justice is done. As a matter of fact, the indications so far are that no one with any right to do so has so much as mentioned war. That all comes, at present, from unofficial and irresponsible sources. We hope that it will die down as quickly as it arose. Another war so soon after the European ghastliness would be a shame upon mankind, and prove him irredeemable from savagery.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Messrs Low How Kim and Company, one of the biggest business firms in Singapore, have come up for public examination in the Bankruptcy Court. Debtor, giving evidence on oath, said prior to the slump in rubber he was worth a million and a half dollars and he now owed over two and a half million dollars.

A sum of \$45,000 was paid yesterday afternoon by Mr. Li Yuk for the s.s. "Hok Canton," a Chinese steamer plying between Hongkong and Kwong Chow Wan, which was put up for auction at the sale room of Messrs Lammert Bros., by order of the mortgagee. The initial bid of \$41,000 was advanced by bids of \$1,000. The "Hok Canton," a steel steamer of 556 tons, was reconstructed in 1919.

M. Reau, acting French Consul-General, at Shanghai, is returning to Hongkong this week. Prominent Chinese officials, including the Military Governor, the Admiral, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, the Commissioner of Police, and the Chinese Magistrate had arranged to entertain M. Reau last week. The Chinese Government is expected to show its appreciation of M. Reau's services in promoting co-operation between French and Chinese citizens by conferring a decoration on the Consul.

"If people will pick up strange parcels they must take the consequences," said Magistrate Orme yesterday in imposing a fine of \$200 on a Chinese found guilty of the possession of opium who asserted that he picked the drug up in a parcel as he was leaving the ship just before the detective intercepted. Mr. G.G.N. Tinson, who appeared for the defendant, asked the Magistrate if that were not rather a dangerous doctrine, but the latter replied that "picking things up" was an excuse he heard so often that there would be no convictions at all for possession if he accepted it. Defendant's allegation that the detective offered to hush the matter up for \$80 was denied.

H.M.S. "Kinsla," the flagship of Rear-Admiral Borrett, C.B., commanding on the Yangtze, is to be shortly offered for sale. This vessel which was originally built by the late Mr. Archibald Little for service on the Upper Yangtze, to travel up and down the Gorges, was sold by him to the British Government, we believe, about the Boxer year. She will be sold, presumably, by auction. The old vessel was nothing much to look at, but she was reported to be the most comfortable vessel travelling on the Yangtze and there are many who will regard her disappearance from service under the white ensign with very real regret. A brilliant theory has been advanced in one quarter that she could very well be moored alongside the Bund to serve as a hotel.—N.C. Daily News.

When a Chinese was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 100 rounds of ammunition, he said that he had only recently returned from Victoria, B.C., after a long absence, and was ignorant of local regulations. He was taking the ammunition to his home in Sunning. The police said that the defendant was arrested yesterday as he was going on board the s.s. "Kwong." The fact that the ammunition was found in the false bottom of a basket, they said, showed that the defendant knew more of local regulations than he alleged. The Magistrate, remarking that ignorance was no excuse, imposed a fine of \$25, and ordered the confiscation of the ammunition.

GROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to a group. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI RICE.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

ALLEGED SMUGGLING TO HONGKONG.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 18.
The first prosecution under the municipal notification prohibiting rice boarding and profiteering was brought in the Mixed Court to-day when a Chinese shopkeeper, Tang Men Chi, was charged with attempting to smuggle rice to Hongkong and remanded a week on bail of \$1,000.

AVIATION IN CHINA.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

LINKING UP THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 18.
Before an historic gathering, including Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, the only living trans-Atlantic aviator, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Pan-Pacific Union and the Shanghai Aero Club, Colonel Holt, of the Royal Air Force, Technical Adviser to the Aeronautical Department, Peking, spoke of recent developments in aviation in North China and the proposed Shanghai-Peking line, the difficulties encountered were illustrated, he said, by the recent seizure of the only training aerodrome in Peking by a hostile division. In addition there were financial difficulties. Training was recently commenced with Chinese pilots who were giving promise. The Government was concentrating on the development of commercial aviation, an interesting experiment tried nowhere else, by which it was possible rapidly to link up the whole of China with air routes. In conclusion, Colonel Holt appealed for the support of the commercial element in Shanghai upon which success depended.

GOVERNOR'S A. D. C.

CAPT. MCGRATH GETS DOUBLE FINE.

MOTOR CAR OFFENCE.

A double fine was imposed yesterday by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Magistrate, on Captain McGrath, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, for leaving his motor car, No. 332, unattended in Queen's Road Central on December 12 last.

Inspector Garrod said that the summons was taken out a month ago, but Captain McGrath had failed to appear before the Court when the case was first set for hearing. It had been necessary to re-serve the summons.

Captain McGrath did not appear in Court in person when the case came up the second time. However, he deputed Mr. Deakin, the Custodian of Government House, to act as his representative.

Mr. Lindsell asked Mr. Deakin if the offence had been committed by Captain McGrath himself. Mr. Deakin's reply was: "Yes."

Mr. Lindsell then said that in view of the fact that Captain McGrath had not responded to the first summons, and it had been necessary to serve him a second time, he would double the usual fine of \$5, and asked Mr. Deakin to convey the decision to the defendant.

Capt. McGrath attended the court a few minutes later and heatedly disputed with the Magistrate as to the finding in the case. He questioned the Magistrate's jurisdiction and justification for imposing the double fine for his non-attendance, and declared that he did not intend to pay more than \$5, the usual fine. He asked the Magistrate to revise his decision accordingly.

Mr. Lindsell said he would do nothing of the sort. He had passed sentence and that sentence must stand. Capt. McGrath had caused the court a lot of trouble by his disregard of the first summons, and that was ample justification for his decision. As to jurisdiction, Mr. Lindsell said he was a Police Magistrate and as such, he was in that Court to administer justice without fear or favour.

GRAND CHARITY CONCERT.

Booking opened this morning at Moutrie's for the Madame Lottie Gordon's Grand Charity Concert on Saturday next. There was an unprecedented demand for seats.

PASSENGERS.

Per s.s. "Bathurst" yesterday.—Mr. W. E. Nelson, Mr. A. L. Toole, Mr. A. W. Gibson, Rev. B. J. Parsons, Miss E. L. Codrington, Miss O. Cameron and Miss W. Cameron.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "Nippon" yesterday.—Mr. G. Kinner, Capt. D. Skinner, Capt. J. Jewett, Messrs D. McMurray, H. E. Lofley, J. Powell, and A. J. Kasper.

MR. CHATHAM HONOURED.

BANQUET BY CHINESE COMMUNITY.

IMPENDING RETIREMENT.

A farewell banquet was given last night by members of the Chinese community to the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C. M. G., M. I. C. E., the Director of Public Works, who leaves the Colony soon on retirement after many years of service. It was held at the Kam Ling Hotel. The reception rooms and banquet hall were gaily decorated with flags and flowers, and the entire function was conducted on the lavish scale that characterizes such occasions.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chai-pak presided. The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook was deputy chairman. In addition to the Hon. Mr. Chatham, the principal guest, there were invited: His Honour Mr. H. J. Gompertz, The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., L.D., The Hon. Mr. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., The Hon. Mr. S. B. C. Ross, The Hon. Mr. C. P. Chater, K.T., C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E., His Honour Mr. J. R. Wood, The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., The Hon. Mr. P. B. Holycutt, The Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Dr. G. P. Jordan, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S., Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, Mr. F. Maitland, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. E. Orniston, Mr. A. W. Hollingsworth, A.M.I.C.E., Dr. A. H. Pearce, M.B., D.P.H., Dr. G. D. Black, M.D., Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.S.C., M.I.M.E., A.M.I.E.E., Mr. H. T. Jackson, Mr. D. O. Russell, Mr. G. K. Chatham, Mr. A. E. Wright, F.S.I., and Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, M.B.E.

The hosts were a number of the leading Chinese residents. Besides the Hon. Mr. Lau Chai-pak and the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, they were:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt. L.D., Messrs. S. W. Tso, Chow Shou-sun, Chan Cheuk-king, Chau Siu-ki, Chau Tung-sang, Chau Yu-tung, Chun King-yue, Fok Tok-ai, Fok Sik, Fung Ping-shan, William Hall, Ho Kom-tong, Ho Kwong, L. S. Holm, Ho Wing, K. H. Kottewall, Kwok Shu-lan, Kwok Tsui, Lam Woo, Li Ping, Li Pok-wai, Li Wing-kwong, Li Yau-tsun, Li Yik-mui, Lo Cheung-shin, Lo Chung-kui, Lo Shing-wan, M. K. Lo, Lo Shun-wan, Ma Wing-chun, Mok Kon-sang, Ng Hong-ai, Ng Tung-kai, Ng Wai, Tsuyee Pat, To Sze-tun, Tong Lai-chuen, Tsang Foo, Tsui Ping-nam, Un Ng-chung, Wong In-tung, Wong Kam-fuk, Wong Kam-ying, Wong Kwong-tin, Wong Lai-sang, Wong Lan-sang, Yang Tze-ming, Messrs. Chun Shing, Him Tai, Kin Lee, Kin On, Kun On, Ho Yik, Shang Lee, Shing Loong, Tung Shing, Wa Lee, Wing Lee, and Yee Shun Ren Kee.

The menu was as follows:—

MENU.

Bird's Nest Soup
Fried Garoupa
Shark's Fin in Chicken Sauce
Pate de Foie Gras and Chicken
Gold and Silver Pigeon Eggs
"Wo Si" Duck
Asparagus in Chicken Sauce
"Golden" Cash
"Yes-See" Noodles
"Rice Melange"
Almond Cream
Assorted Pastry

The toast of "The King" was proposed by the Chairman and that of "The President of China" by the Hon. Mr. Chatham.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chai-pak, proposing the toast of the evening, said:—Parting is at best a melancholy affair; and when it is parting from a friend whom one may never see again, the heart is stirred to its very depths. It is with such emotions that I am now submitting to you the toast of the evening: In a few days the Hon. Mr. Chatham will leave these shores on retirement, on a well-earned pension, after nearly thirty years of honorable and meritorious service to the Colony.—(Applause)—and we are assembled here this evening to bid him farewell, and to assure him of our high esteem and regard.—(Applause)—Mr. Chatham has, I believe, held the high and responsible position of Head of the Public Works Department for a longer period than any of his predecessors, and I venture to believe that none of them could be more deserving of the gratitude of posterity than he is, for the share he has contributed towards the remarkable growth of the Colony that has taken place during his tenure of office. (Applause.) I do not propose, nor does it seem necessary, to appraise the value of his work. Suffice it to say that it will assuredly live long after the present generation will have ceased to exist. It will live in the stately Law Courts and Post Office Buildings; in the Mongkokstai breakwater, in the reservoirs that were constructed under his direction, in the residential areas that he has been instrumental in opening out, and in those splendid roads which are the admiration of all visitors, and in which we take a justifiable pride. (Applause.) But it is not by his labours alone that Mr. Chatham has won the esteem and regard of the general community. His inborn courtesy, his unflinching tact and ever accessibility to render business intercourse with him a pleasure.—(Applause)—while his scrupulous fairness and single-minded devotion to duty have evoked

the admiration and respect of those who, like myself, have had the privilege of associating with him in public affairs. I still look back with unfeigned pleasure upon those good old times when the Sanitary Board had considerably wider powers than it possesses to-day, and when I was a member of it. In those days, its meetings were often enlivened with spirited altercations in which now, and again I participated with keen relish. Sometimes Mr. Chatham was the target of our verbal shafts, but I can not recall a single occasion on which his equanimity was even slightly disturbed. (Laughter and applause.) Nothing seemed able to ruffle him; and this admirable impossibility of his, not the dialectic powers of his more verbose official colleagues, was the thing that was most disconcerting to us mischievous unofficials. (Laughter.) Now, after long years of battle, after having grown grey in the service of the Colony, Mr. Chatham is going to rest on his laurels. Though his departure will occasion us much regret, we do not grudge him the rest to which his long and strenuous career has entitled him. We wish him and Mrs. Chatham a pleasant voyage, and many long years of happiness and tranquil retirement. Gentlemen, I would now ask you to drink to the health of the Hon. Mr. Chatham. (Loud applause.)

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham received with loud applause on rising to respond to the toast. He said he must first thank the members of the Chinese community for the great honour they had done him in entertaining him. In anything he might say he hoped it would not be thought that he arrogated to himself the credit for all that had been done in the Colony. He was glad to take this opportunity of acknowledging the great assistance he had received from many members of the Public Works Department. (Applause.) He had to thank Mr. Lau Chai-pak for the all-too-flattering terms in which his services had been appraised. When he was appointed to the position he had held for the past 20 years, he fell on rather troubled times. It so happened that considerable agitation had been raised against the Government for having failed to carry out the recommendations made by Mr. Chadwick when he visited the Colony some years previously. The agitation culminated in a petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and, naturally, holding the position he did, the Government "turned to him to prepare a defence. It involved, necessarily a large amount of labour and fortunately he was able to present a very fair statement of what the Government had done. Some of the signatures of the petition had evidently forgotten that some 8 or 10 years previously they had suggested in the Legislative Council a reduction of salaries of a number of officials with a view to saving the Colony from ruin.—(Laughter).—As the reduction proposed only amounted to some £5,000 or £6,000, they apparently considered that the Colony was in a very critical condition.—(Laughter).—The petitioners asked for experts to be sent out to advise the Government as to what works should be undertaken and the result was that Professor Simpson and Mr. Chadwick visited the Colony and on their recommendations the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was introduced. It had resulted in very great improvements and his only regret was that it had not operated quite quickly enough. Anything that could be done to facilitate its working throughout the Colony would materially benefit the public at large.—(Heard, heard).—All this trouble about the insanitary condition of the Colony was not enough apparently, for in the autumn of the same year the Colony experienced a very serious condition as regards the water supply. The reservoirs, such as they were in those days, only contained a little over 500,000,000 gallons. They failed, and one of the severest dry seasons the Colony had ever experienced set in with a totally inadequate supply. Another means of getting water had to be devised for a part of the area: water was imported into the Colony—some 30,000,000 gallons—and many would remember the long queues of people with their buckets lining up on the Praya, marshalled by soldiers through the gates until they got their buckets filled. That emergency, he hoped, would never occur again for the reservoirs were now capable of containing over 2,000,000,000 gallons.—(Applause).

Other developments had followed; in the matter of the roads, for example, to which Mr. Lau Chai-pak alluded, and especially was this the case in Kowloon. The New Territories had been taken over about three years before his appointment and the whole country lay ready for development. Developments in Kowloon had been enormous. He had unbounded faith in the prosperity of Hongkong and he would ever take the deepest interest in all its concerns.—(Applause).—He wished to thank those with whom he had been associated—his Chinese friends for their ready advice on many occasions; it had always been useful to him. It was with great regret that he severed his connection with the Colony of Hongkong and he trusted that the prosperity of the future would far surpass even that of the past.—(Applause).

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook said:—In asking my fellow-hosts to honour the

toast of "Our Other Guests," I ask them to honour a body of Government Officials and business men who have contributed largely to the prosperity of this community, of which the Chinese are an integral part. I do not wish to single out any one of them for special mention beyond stating that it affords us great pleasure to welcome back to our midst the Honourable Dr. Claud Severn and the Honourable Mr. S. B. C. Ross. With these few remarks, I will now call upon my compatriots to fill their glasses and drink heartily to "The Long Life and Happiness of Our Other Guests," coupled with the names of His Honour Mr. Gompertz and the Honourable Dr. Claud Severn.

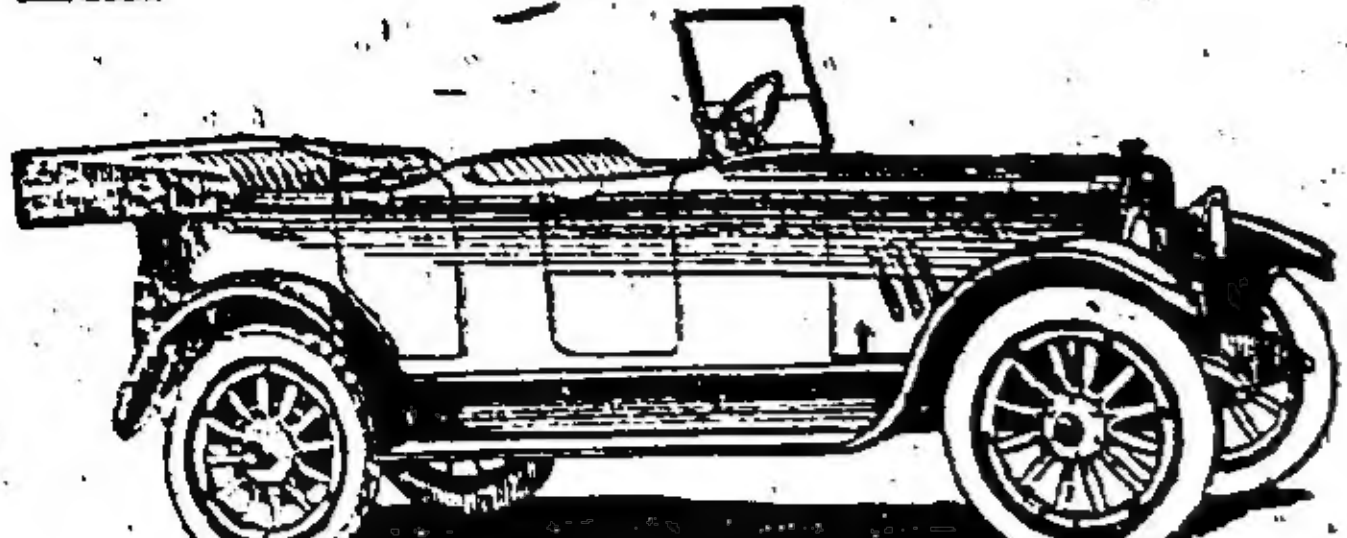
His Honour Mr. H. J. Gompertz in reply to the toast said that it was with some trepidation that he saw the eagle eye of the Vice-President fixed upon him, and he discerned that he had marked him out to reply to that toast. Honestly, he wished that he had called upon Mr. Claud Severn who would have done it much better than he could hope to do. He felt it rather an honour that as a lawyer he should be asked to respond to the toast because he was quite aware that in Hongkong, as in some other places, lawyers were not held in the highest regard. (Laughter and cries of "No.") In England they were certainly not, but still a great many of them succeeded in assisting the Government of that country. Mr. Gompertz recalled that ten years ago when he was trying a case in the Law Courts, a very fine old gentleman, a Chinese merchant, was called as a witness, and counsel introducing him, elicited the fact that he had been forty years in the Colony, had been president of the Po Leung Kok, the Tung Wah Hospital and other worthy institutions. The old gentleman, with a beaming smile, turning to him (the speaker) said: "Forty-five years, and never in all that time have I been here in the Law Courts." (Laughter.) All countries tried experiment. They were trying Government experiments in England. Their compatriots were trying them in China. After the revolution they started with politicians, but now they seemed to be doing it with generals. He was quite sure that if their honourable President talked to his counsel a cabinet of Hongkong business men he would very soon restore order. (Applause.) If there were any unruly tuchans left they would soon be brought to book. He proposed the health of the Chairman, Mr. Lau Chai-pak.

The Hon. Mr. Severn, who also responded to the toast, said that Mr. Gompertz, in his remarks, mentioned that he thought that he (the speaker) should have also said something in reply to the toast. All the time he had intended to say something, but evidently Mr. Gompertz did not know that. (Laughter.) He felt greatly honoured in hearing his name coupled with the toast. In another place he had spoken of Mr. Chatham's service, and he would like to supplement the remarks he made on that occasion and in that place, with remarks which might be described as of a light nature and which would be quite unsuitable to the other place. As he then said, he had been associated with Mr. Chatham for a considerable time and had learned to value his wonderful services. Mr. Lau Chai-pak, had referred to the equanimity with which Mr. Chatham could sit through proceedings of a somewhat violent nature, without, metaphorically speaking, turning a hair. Mr. Claud Severn proceeded to recall that in his first year in Hongkong, he had an example of Mr. Chatham's capacity for dealing with an occasion where other people would have collapsed, in a manner which not only amused them but was also satisfactory from the point of view of the conduct of public affairs. Mr. Severn recalled that owing to the unsatisfactory state of Craigmin road he had, on occasions, to negotiate it with circumspection to avoid the many pitfalls which were left. Mr. Chatham met an inquiry by Mr. Murray Stewart as to the condition of the road by saying that rain had hindered the work. Mr. Murray Stewart returned to the charge some months later, armed with statistics from the Meteorological Office as to the exceptional dryness of the weather for weeks past. This time he was informed by Mr. Chatham that rain was needed to consolidate the road. (Laughter.) Of the valuable services Mr. Chatham had rendered to the Colony, he would say nothing on this occasion; he was concerned now with the lighter side. He supported everything that Mr. Gompertz had said and thanked his Chinese friends for the hospitality extended to them.

The Chairman briefly replied to the toast and expressed thanks for the kind remarks made regarding himself.

A gambling squabble which led to much shooting, screaming and blowing of police whistles in Queen's Road Central on Monday evening, drew from Inspector Blackman at the Magistracy yesterday the observation that there was too much police whistle blowing for every little thing especially at a time of year when everyone was seeing visions of armed robberies. Police were taken off their beats and patrolled disorganised, with the result that opportunity was given for serious crime.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

WRANGLER'S COSSACKS MUTINY.

FRENCH COLONIAL TROOPS RESTORE ORDER.

New York, January 18.

The Associated Press correspondent at Constantinople states that General Wrangler's Cossacks encamped at Chatalja mutinied and disarmed their officers. French colonial troops used machine guns against the mutineers who returned the fire. Ten Senegalese were killed and 20 wounded. Two French officers were wounded. French troops surrounded the camp and court-martialed the ringleaders of the mutiny.

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT WITH MAHSUDS.

London, January 18.

It is officially stated that 60 Mahsuds surprised two companies of Pioneers working on a road near Jandala under the protection of pickets. A hand-to-hand fight ensued. The British casualties were seven killed and missing and 38 wounded.

GERMANY'S NAVAL FORTRESSES.

Berlin, January 19.

A semi-official message states that the Government has protested to the Allied premiers against the action of the Council of Ambassadors in upholding the Control Commission's refusal to consent to Germany's retention of the majority of fortresses and naval harbours which it is contended Germany is entitled by the Peace Treaty to retain.

CONSTANTINE SEEKS RECOGNITION.

Athens, January 18.

Government circles state a definite decision with regard to the proposed visit of Constantine to Anatolia will only be taken when the Allies recognise him as king.

FATAL FILM FACTORY EXPLOSION.

New York, January 18.

Two men were killed and over ten injured in an explosion following a fire at Beedlow's film factory.

AMERICANS IN SIBERIA.

INQUIRY SOUGHT INTO ALLEGED TRADE DISABILITIES.

Washington, January 19.

Senator Johnson of California introduced a resolution proposing that the Senate foreign committee investigate reports that Americans were virtually excluded from trade in Siberia, also hold an inquiry into the activities of the American military in Siberia. The latter investigation is not connected with the shooting of Lieut. Langdon. Senator Johnson declared that he and other Senators were informed that the Japanese were becoming very strongly entrenched in Siberian trade whilst American interests were suffering.

GERMAN NEEDLES.

INTERESTING LEGAL POINT.

SALE OF SPECIFIC GOODS.

The hearing of the suit of R. Negre against Joe Moraes for \$7,799, in a case involving needles said to be of German manufacture, which continued this morning in the Supreme Court before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, was devoted for some time to a discussion whether the plaintiff had sufficiently covered in his pleading the point that a sale of specific goods was claimed.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Crew, appears for the plaintiff; Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Hind, for the defendant. The suit grows out of an alleged breach of contract on the part of the defendant in failing to take delivery of 50 cases of needles. It was a condition of the contract that the needles should be of the "Cock on Crown" brand, and of German origin. A counter-claim for \$6,250 is made by the defence.

Discussing the question raised by the defence, Mr. Jenkin, for the plaintiff, said that his pleading had been for the purpose of showing a sale of specific goods. He denied that he did not open to that effect. He did not use the words "specific goods," but he opened with all the facts in the meaning of the Sale of Specific Goods Ordinance. He had proved all those facts. The only question remaining was whether, having opened and proved, he had pleaded sufficient facts to show that what was being relied on was a showing of a sale of specific goods. The plaintiff had actually seen the 50 cases of goods which he had agreed to accept. This was a sale of specific goods. The fact that the defendant had written a letter, directing that they be sold for him showed that they were specific goods and in a deliverable state.

His Lordship said that he thought it could be agreed that there was an acceptance when the defendant gave instructions to sell. The difficulty was that he had not gathered from the pleadings that a sale of specific goods was claimed.

Mr. Jenkin said he had opened with the arrival of the cases of goods; that they were the only lot the plaintiff had; that the defendant inspected the lot; and that he accepted the lot. He had also put in the letter instructing the plaintiff to sell the cases, as well as the bill of lading. If these facts had left the question in doubt he could only regret that it had not been appreciated. There had not been the slightest cross-examination on any of the points. Having given all the facts employed all the language necessary, he submitted that it was not necessary for him to use the words "sale of specific goods." The only question was whether the defence had been taken by surprise.

His Lordship: I must admit I should not have expected to have found such an important point under a paragraph which begins with a waiver.

Mr. Jenkin replied that he had set out why the defence had waived the conditions and gave the reasons for it—that they had accepted the goods and directed the plaintiff to sell. That, he said, coupled with the statement of claim, was sufficient to cover the sale of specific goods.

His Lordship: I think the best I can do is to give you leave to amend. Mr. Potter: I should like to have your Lordship say whether he should amend or not.

His Lordship: I take it that any necessary amendment is made.

Mr. Jenkin: Yes, my Lord. His Lordship: And that of course will carry with it permission to Mr. Potter to re-call any witness for cross-examination.

One case of enteric fever, British, was reported yesterday.

CHINA COAST.

OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS.

LATEST CHANGES.

The following changes are recorded by the latest issue of *Shipping and Engineering*—
Captain A. V. Harrison, of the "Chenan," is on reserve.
Captain P. R. S. Purslow, from leave, has gone master, "Chenan."
Mr. D. S. Barclay, chief engineer, "Woosung," is on leave.
Mr. J. W. Kennedy, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Tatung."
Mr. J. Hay, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Kweilin."
Mr. J. Porta, second engineer, "Kweilin," is on leave.
Mr. A. Woodley, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kurwo."
Mr. A. F. Johnson, acting chief officer, "Kiangwo," has gone super-numerary second officer, "Yusang."
Mr. J. Dixon, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Changwo."
Mr. A. R. Williams, acting chief officer, "Changwo," has gone acting chief officer, "Kiangwo."
Mr. W. M. H. Adams, third engineer, "Koonshing," has gone third engineer, "Loongwo."
Mr. W. Parr, third engineer, "Loongwo," is on leave.
Mr. F. A. Maxwell has been appointed second officer, "Hsinming."
Mr. H. Langvad, chief officer, "Hsinming," has gone chief officer, "Toonan."
Mr. J. B. Anderson has been appointed second officer, "Taishun."
Mr. A. T. Tolleson, chief officer, "Kiangshin," has gone chief officer, "Kwangshin."
Captain J. H. Davey, of the "Kiangtoo," has resigned.
Mr. F. G. W. Newbery, acting master, "Tungwah," has gone chief officer, "Kiangshin."
Captain C. Lindsay Crawford, of the "Kwangchi," has gone master, "Tungwah."
Mr. K. Y. Evenson, chief officer, "Tungwah," has gone master, "Kwangchi."
Mr. A. R. D. Smith has been appointed second officer, "Kaiping."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is reported that Japanese passenger ships, on the American-Far East run incur a loss of ¥80,000 on every round trip, says *Shipping and Engineering*.

The restaurant and tea-house waiters of Canton have decided to dismember their many clubs and societies in order to form a strong union. They expect to start the new union with from 3,000 to 4,000 members. The waiters in Canton usually earn from eight to forty dollars a month, mostly in tips.

The survey for the proposed Pun-Fing Railroad will commence at once. Preparations have been made to start the expedition, as the desired charter has been granted by the Government. The road will run more than 210 miles from Tai Chung Hao to Sihao at Hoiping, passing through Shek-pai, Wai-chung, Chai-chuen, Lung-kong, Lungshan, Kiu-kong, Koo-loo, She-ping, Tong-hab, Ning-chuen, and Mark-chuen.

A Chinese experiment in Socialism is recorded by the *Canton Times* as follows:—Chu Mau and other socialists have started to put their village, Kwang Yick, in Fayun District, Kwantung under co-operative plan; all villagers working in this rural community in common, putting a new social order into experiment. The formal opening of the village took place on January 17, when many Canton citizens interested in the experiment were present at the inaugural ceremony.

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Hongkong, January 18, 1921.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th January, to 7th February, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

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Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

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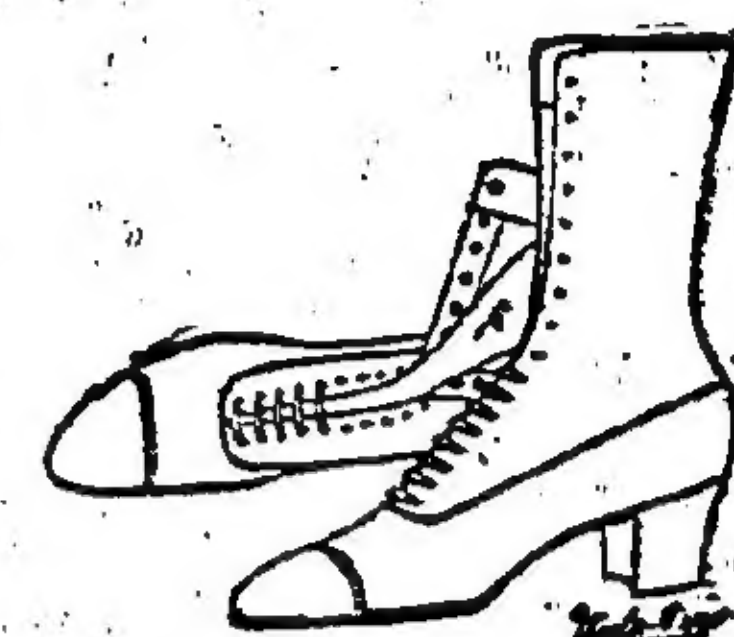
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Mar. 7—R. F. Helenus.

FROM JAPAN.

Jan. 30—E. & A. Eastern.
11—R. F. Ochi.
22—P. & O. Flamy.
22—R. F. Bellerophon.
Feb. 1—N. Y. K. Shizuka Maru.
2—R. F. A. Teudis.
4—P. & O. Delta.
13—R. F. A. Ixon.
13—R. F. A. Japan.
14—E. & A. Kanowa.
15—R. F. O. Kiva.
15—R. F. O. Kiva.
21—R. F. Lycon.
22—R. F. A. Achilles.
Mar. 7—R. F. A. Achilles.
10—R. F. A. Achilles.
21—R. F. A. Nigebow.

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 19—R. F. Teucer.
Feb. 14—R. F. Proteus.
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FROM CALCUTTA.

Jan. 24—R. F. A. Japan.
17—N. Y. K. Bombay Maru.

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Jan. 22—E. & A. Kanowa.
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Jan. 31—T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.

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One of the pilots was flying over the flat country-side near the aerodrome when he was perceived by two shepherds, who were at work, and a woman and a priest, who were walking along the path. Suddenly the airman swooned down rapidly from a great height as though he intended to make a landing. But as he neared the earth, instead of coming to ground in a field, he directed his machine towards the shepherds and passed only three yards above their heads. For a moment they thought it was a mere error in steering and that he would eventually safely come to earth. But suddenly the aeroplane ascended the clouds again, only to swoop down swiftly on them like an eagle in search of prey.

Next it was the turn of the priest and the woman, who only escaped decapitation by throwing themselves on the ground. There were no trees where the hapless quarter could find shelter from the mad airman, and for more than an hour they had to dodge 16 or 17 times this lunatic from the clouds. Eventually the airman made off heavenwards. So far he has not been identified, but a searching inquiry has been set on foot.

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14—R. F. O. Kashgar.
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The opening whistle saw the "Carlisle" on the war path but their attack was repulsed without much difficulty and the ball was returned to midfield where the "Curley" forwards got possession and paid a flying visit to the other end of the field only to have the ball returned by the backs. Midfield play followed for a while, and then the "Carlisle" again attacked. This time good combination took them well in. Ellett was in a very favourable position when Faircutt passed the ball to him, and without hesitation he shot the ball low, giving Leeraa no chance. After this the exchanges became very even with both ends of the field visited in quick succession. Several corners were conceded at each end, but nothing resulted from them, and when the teams changed sides, the "Carlisle" led by one goal to nil.

"Curley" assumed the offensive from the kick-off in the second half and made a beeline for the "Carlisle" goal, where the defence was just able to pull them up. The clear was not effective however, and the leather was returned to the danger zone. The right winger centred beautifully to Weatherby, and taking a pot shot at goal from close range, the latter beat the goalie and made the scores level. Both sides played strenuously for the deciding goal after this, but although there were some narrow shaves, neither side scored again and the game closed with a draw.

THE "SHIELD."

NINE TEAMS TO COMPETE.

The following teams have entered for the Hongkong "Shield" competition—Hongkong Football Club, Hongkong Police St. Joseph's College, Kowloon Football Club, Wiltshire Regiment, South China Athletics, R.G.A. and H.M. Ships "Colombo" and "Titania".

At a meeting held in the pavilion of the Hongkong Football Club yesterday evening, presided over by Mr. R. J. Wilton and attended by representatives of the above mentioned clubs, the following committee was appointed to run the competition—Mr. Purves (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Hamilton (Hon. Treasurer), Master-Gunner May, Joiner Toms, R.N., and Sgt. Robinson, H.K. Police. It was decided to play the first round on Saturday, February 5, on the Club ground at 3 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows—First round—St. Joseph's College v. H.M.S. "Colombo". Second round to be played on or before February 19.

- (A)—Winners of St. Joseph's "Colombo" v. Kowloon.
(B)—S.C.A. v. H.M.S. "Titania".
(C)—R.G.A. v. Hongkong Club.
(D)—2nd Wiltshire v. Hongkong Police.
Semi-final: winners of (A) v. winners of (B) and winners of (C) v. winners of (D).

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

TABLE TO DATE.

CLUB.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Wiltshire	9	7	1	1	6	8	15
H.K. Club	9	5	2	2	16	4	12
R.G.A.	9	5	2	2	13	9	12
"Titania"	9	5	4	0	17	13	10
Kowloon	10	3	4	3	10	11	9
S.C.A.	9	3	3	3	9	10	9
H.K. Police	7	1	4	2	5	9	4
"Ambrose"	8	1	6	1	6	22	3
"Titania"	6	1	5	0	3	9	2

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.

The Open Billiards Competition for the Championship of the Colony held yearly under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, is due to take place shortly. Entries for the competition are due to close on January 26, on which day the competitors will meet at the V.R.C. at 6 p.m. to witness the draw.

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Mr. P. Yvanovich the present Champion of the Colony who demonstrated in his recent match with Mr. George Gray, his right to the title, will not have to play through the competition, but will defend his title against the winner of the tournament. The players will be about the same as last year, there being no new talents, although rumour has it that the Hongkong Club possess a "dark horse." Mr. Leung Kam-kong who last year gave Yvanovich such a close game in the final is expected to go through the tournament. It justifies the trust placed on him by his friends, he ought to give Yvanovich another hard tossle when they meet.

HO KUM TONG CUPS.

PALACE-HOTEL TOURNAMENT.

Intending competitors for the above Cups are reminded that entries close to-morrow, January 20. Handicapping and drawing will take place at 6 p.m. All fees must be paid by that time or names will be ruled out. There are so far 53 entries and a fine struggle is anticipated. All entrance fees will be devoted to Local Charities.

SHOOTING.

RIFLE TRIANGULAR MATCH.

The following is the result of a triangular match shot off between H.M.S. "Hawkins," H.M.S. "Titania" and the Musketry Staff, China Station, at the Stonecutters Range on Sunday last. A close shoot resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Titania".

The scores were as follows—

H.M.S. "TITANIA."

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Peskett	41	37	40	118
"Jackson	34	45	34	113
"Barker	34	38	37	109
"Smith	41	36	30	107
"Sigsworth	28	42	36	106
"Edmonds	32	40	30	102
"Tapsley	33	36	28	97
"Douglas	27	35	30	93

Total.....845

MUSKETRY STAFF.

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Cross	39	39	42	120
"Cordon	41	42	35	118
"Gray	37	38	36	111
"Reynolds	38	36	33	107
"Lambert	38	33	31	102
"Nixon	34	38	29	101
"Burnett	36	40	25	101
"Harding	35	27	19	81

Total.....841

H.M.S. "AMBROSE."

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Peberdy	40	42	32	114
"Eldridge	35	45	31	111
"Tooker	40	35	35	110
"Jarvis	35	37	35	107
"Chilcott	40	34	30	104
"Turner	34	40	27	101
"Ellis	30	23	31	84
"Walsh	30	28	23	81

Total.....812

"HAWKINS" v. "C" COY. WILTS.

The following is the result of a match shot off between H.M.S. "Hawkins" and "C" Coy. of the Wiltshire Regt. at Stonecutters Range on Saturday last. H.M.S. "Hawkins" won.

The scores were—

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Beauchamp	43	38	40	121
"Charlesworth	40	46	35	121
"Miller	40	40	35	115
"Trowbridge	42	40	28	110
"Dawes	36	33	40	109
"Bishop	38	36	34	108
"Lynas	31	27	36	94
"Chapman	27	32	31	90

Total.....868

WHEN IS A MAN INSANE?

EXPERT'S VIEWS.

MURDER TRIAL EVIDENCE.

Sir Robert Armstrong Jones, the mental specialist, was the chief witness at the Old Bailey, when a labourer named Bartlett was charged with murdering his sweetheart, who was found dead and almost naked in Epping Forest on October 19. Dr. Spilsbury said her death was due to strangulation. He found no trace in her body of salts of lemon, which Bartlett said she had taken.

Sir Robert Armstrong Jones said Bartlett suffered from loss of memory and had lost himself at times.

Replying to Mr. Justice Darling, he said it was not a test of a man's sanity whether he knew he was committing his crime.

Sir Richard Muir: Is it your view that deficiency of will power is a disease of the mind?—Yes.

Sir Richard Muir: Then we are all more or less insane.

Sir Robert said that when a person's conduct became so abnormal that the people with whom he lived considered it intolerable he was insane.

Mr. Justice Darling: There are plenty of people who ought to be certified as insane whose conduct is tolerated?—Yes.

Sir Robert would not agree that there was a vast gulf between genius and insanity. There were many inventive geniuses in asylums, he said.

Mr. Justice Darling: Is not every man who gets drunk deficient in self-control?—Yes.

But he is not mad?—No.

Sir Robert said he did not agree with the law in the M'Naughten case [which laid down that, to establish a defence on the grounds of insanity, it must be proved that the accused was not at the time of committing the crime capable of realising its nature].

Mr. Justice Darling said the fact that Sir Robert did not accept the law of England destroyed to a large extent the value of his evidence. They took the law from the Bench and not from Harley-street.

The jury, after an absence of only five minutes, found Bartlett guilty but insane, and he was ordered to be detained.

"C" COY. WILTS.

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Jessell	35	31	36	102
"Keareley	31	34	34	99
"Vivall	40	25	25	90
"Snook	38	33	19	90
"Clements	36	21	17	74
"Sargeant	36	22	7	65
"Rogers	40	21	2	63
"Alderman	30	15	17	62

Total.....645

MUSKETRY STAFF v.

"ALACRITY."

The following is the result of a match shot off between the Musketry Staff, China Station, and H.M.S. "Alacrity" at the Stonecutters Range on Saturday last, resulting in a win for the Musketry Staff.

The scores were as follows—

MUSKETRY STAFF.

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Cross	42	34	38	114
"Nixon	35	42	28	105
"Lambert	41	25	30	97
"Cordon	39	24	29	92
"Ansell	32	23	25	80
"Burnett	36	25	28	89
"Gray	28	32	23	83
"Reynolds	33	26	20	79

Total.....749

H.M.S. "ALACRITY."

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Seymour	33	37	32	102
"Lane	33	29	39	101
"Seaward	32	37	32	92
"Jervis	39	30	22	91
"Davies	40	23	21	84
"Stenner	32	25	16	73
"Hewlett	36	26	20	82
"Silcox	36	24	20	79

Total.....704

"HAWKINS" v. D.R.C.

In the match between the above teams at the Taihang Range, on the 16th inst., the Dockyard Recreation Club won by 7 points. Scores—

DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Young	42	46	39	127
"Drew	42	41	43	126
"Johnston	45	40	33	119
"Brook	43	46	29	118
"King Salter	42	35	36	113
"McGuigan	40	41	29	110
"Sears	38	33	28	99
"Williams	37	25	32	94

Total.....906

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Beauchamp	43	40	41	124
"Charlesworth	39	37	42	118
"Chapman	34	37	43	114
"Miller	43	31	40	114
"Dawes	40	37	34	111
"Lyons	32	41	35	108
"Trowbridge	40	25	40	106
"Bishop	38	28	38	104

Total.....899

SANITARY BOARD.

FAREWELL TO MR. CHATHAM.

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

The members of the Sanitary Board, at the fortnightly meeting yesterday afternoon, turned aside from the regular business before them to pay a tribute to the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, retiring Director of Public Works and for a long time Vice-President of the Sanitary Board, who is soon leaving on retirement. Those present at the meeting were Mr. G. R. Sayer, who presided; Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Public Works Department); the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Chow-Sou-son, Dr. F. M. G. Ozorio and the Secretary (Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds).

The Hon. Mr. Alabaster said: I feel sure that I am only voicing the feelings of members of the Board when I say that we should not like to break up to-day without wishing bon voyage to the Vice-President, whose connection with the Board has been so exceptionally long. We have all enjoyed working with him; I trust his recollections of the unofficial members who have served with him are as pleasant as ours are of him. We wish him good health and long life in his retirement.

The Chairman: I should like to associate my name with Mr. Alabaster's remarks. Mr. Chatham has been intimately associated with the drawing-up of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance and has been Vice-President of this Board for at least 20 years. I propose, with the concurrence of members, to record the expression of our thanks to Mr. Chatham upon the proceedings of the Board.

Dr. Ozorio seconded, and the motion was approved.

Mr. Chatham, in reply, said: I have to thank you very cordially for the very kind remarks you have made on the eve of my departure from the Colony. I have occupied a seat on this Board as Vice-President for close on 20 years and one time I had a term of office as President. In those days the meetings of the Board were a good deal more lively than they are to-day. The scope of the Board was considerably wider then than now, and it used sometimes to be rather an anxious question with me whether I should get home in time for dinner—the meetings were so protracted. Now, the proceedings run much more smoothly; a great deal of the contentious matter has been removed. I can only say, however, that at all times, even when there was contentious matter before the Board, I have always got on remarkably well with my unofficial colleagues and have had reason to respect their opinions in connection with the various matters that came up for discussion. I thank you very much, gentlemen, for your kind expressions.

Various matters were considered by the Board. Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Alabaster asked the Chairman to refer to the changes in the estimates approved by the Board on the 8th June, 1920, can the President give any information as to when the practice of dumping refuse in the sea off Kowloon (leading to the pollution of bathing beaches) will be discontinued?

The Chairman replied: The proposed change in the method of refuse disposal, recommended by the Board in connection with the estimates for 1921, has received the approval of the Government, and a detailed scheme to give effect to these recommendations has been prepared by the Public Works Department. Notices of termination of tenancy have been served on certain short-time permittees in the neighbourhood; these notices do not expire until June next. It is expected that the scheme will be put into effect by the end of the year.

The Chairman said that it was proposed, as part of the public works programme for 1921, to make some provision for public baths in various districts. The most convenient way of doing this would be to add a storey to some of the public conveniences. It was suggested that the Public Works Department should strengthen the roofs of the structures so that a storey might be added. It was agreed to make representations to this effect.

Applications for licences to sell fish at Tunglowan came before the Board.

The Chairman said he had come to the conclusion that the market at Tai-hung was not properly served with fish; the alternatives were to make better provision or grant licences to individuals. The first alternative was infinitely preferable as the Board would have more control. To issue licences to individuals was practically to grant a series of monopolies.

It was decided to ask the Government to erect a market as a temporary fish market in the neighbourhood.

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EARTHQUAKE IN KANSU.

WIDESPREAD DISASTER.

MOUNTAINS CAVED IN.

Writing from Szechuan on December 16, a correspondent of the N.C.D. News said—

In forwarding the following letter descriptive of the earthquake of December 16, our own correspondent writes—There are many towns and villages from which news has not come through and we cannot tell yet what has happened to them. The disaster has been very great and widespread in Kansu and a great many lives have been lost. We cannot get any news from Lanchowfu, as all communications are cut owing to the caving-in of the mountains and the great chasms all over the country. The main road to Lanchowfu has been completely swept away; nothing but gaping chasms are to be found.

The following is the description above-referred to—

Now to the story which I want you friends down there to know. On Thursday evening, December 16, at 7.25 o'clock, this old place was shaken as if it were being tossed. That first shock lasted exactly seven minutes. We were in a room reading and the children were across the yard. One of the children was asleep. When the quake came I ran immediately across to where she was and grabbed hold of her and got out of doors. When we got outside Miss called over. "If you are alive over there, then please come over here." We, of course, went over to her yard and found her and all the school girls in the back yard.

It was bitterly cold, so after a few minutes I had to go in and get some more blankets and clothes with which to cover the little ones. We remained outside about an hour. We never thought of retiring that night, to be sure. But we went home again and had a little prayer meeting, and then sought ourselves in the sitting room of the school, where we were living, with the children's beds there, too, in case of another severe quake we could get hold of them quickly. From 7.25 o'clock that night to 6.30 o'clock Friday morning we counted 35 distinct shocks. They were tremors, some of which were stronger than others. During Friday we had several, and that night we did not retire.

On Thursday night, after the first shock, I went out on the street across the way to see a house which had come down upon its occupants. Two women were lying on their kang and were just in the act of extricating themselves from all the debris which had accumulated upon and around them. They came out unscathed. But their home was in ruins. It was pitiable to see them and many others thus deprived of shelter and warmth on such a cold night. Several tent houses also came down. The watch house at the north gate fell on four soldiers and killed them. One little girl of nine was killed on the main street by a roof falling on her. The officials estimate that 17 were killed in the city and about the same in the East Suburb. Many houses, of course, fell.

VISITING SHANGHAI.

AMERICAN COMPOSER.

CHINESE MUSIC FOR WESTERN INTERPRETATION.

Mrs. Tessa Dent McGuire, who is a composer and musical artist, has come to China for the purpose of studying Chinese music with a view to incorporating its harmonies into Occidental rhythm. She is trying to get the spirit of the people and their music by studying the Chinese theatre and listening to native musicians and then she will study its composition with that background, says the N.C.D. News.

Mrs. McGuire is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of music, but her talent is original, and her work is all done by ear. Her best-known compositions are the "Banshee" and a Ballad, which are already semi-classical, and her popular music has aided and furthered the general upward trend of the popular music of to-day, particularly in the line of the interpretation of pictures, which has developed into quite an art. In fact, it is the composition of a prologue for a Chinese cinema which is to be brought to China by a large production company that has brought Mrs. McGuire to this country. She is now in Shanghai, but she will go on to Peking and other parts of China in order to learn the secret of Chinese harmony before beginning her work.

Mrs. McGuire worked with John Wharry Lewis, the well-known orchestra leader of the California theatre orchestra in Oakland, California, who has gone so far in the interpretation of moving-pictures as to harmonize, by transposition, the selections for the entire evening's programme so that there is no break in its unity. The latest popular instrumental composition written by Mrs. McGuire and published by a western publishing company is a fox-trot called "Evening," which rivals Dardanella when orchestrated and lends itself to interpretation on a single instrument better than the latter.

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FAMINE RELIEF.

CUSTOMS SURTAX LOAN.

AN URGENT PETITION.

Basing their plea on reports from investigators and relief workers in the famine districts, three of the relief organizations have petitioned the government to effect a speedy consummation of the Customs surtax loan and stop, so far as possible, the death rate which is increasing at an alarming rate. The petition which was addressed to their excellencies: President Hsu Shih Chang, Premier Chin Yun Peng and Minister of the Interior Chang Shih Tang, declares the funds in hand sufficient only for one-fifth of the work that already confronts the various committees.

The draft of the petition follows: "On behalf of the Chinese and Foreign Famine Relief Committee of Shanghai, the North China Society for Famine Relief of Tientsin, and the United International Famine Relief Committee of Peking, we respectfully beg to submit to you the following consideration and petition.

"Our representatives together with the representatives of affiliated societies have the closest touch with famine conditions gotten by months of work in investigation and relief in all areas. We are deeply concerned to learn from their reports that early fears are being justified by present fact. At least 15,000,000 people are now facing death by starvation and cold, thousands have already died, while hundreds of thousands have fled from their homes and are seeking refuge in other parts. At the same time, there is almost certainty of an epidemic of typhus and other diseases which in the weakened condition of the people will work terrible havoc in the loss of human life. We have no hesitancy in saying that the present is the greatest calamity of decades which the people of China have faced.

"At the same time the relief funds are entirely inadequate to the meeting of the situation. The most liberal estimate sees funds in hand to save only three million people. It is therefore with the greatest pleasure we learn that the Chinese Government is about to complete negotiations for a loan of \$4,000,000 with the Customs surtax as security and that the entire supervision of this fund is to be under a body representative of the Government and the affiliated international relief societies. We believe that this method of use of the funds not only insures the best use thereof but also breeds popular approval in China and abroad. Furthermore, each day's delay means the loss of very many lives and is creating popular discontent and disturbance throughout the country which may result in serious consequences. We beg therefore to urge that this loan be very speedily consummated.

"The petition was signed by: Lo Pa Hong and S. Y. Yeh, for the Shanghai Chinese-foreign Relief Committee; J. B. Taylor, for the North China International Society for Famine Relief; and Wang Ta Hsieh, and D. W. Edwards, for the United International Famine Relief Committee of Peking.

The Canton Military Government has decided to appropriate \$27,000 a month for the present expenses of the National Assembly while in extraordinary session.

A meeting of the Diocesan School Old Boys' Association was held at the School on Thursday evening. A temporary Committee with power to co-opt was appointed to draw up rules and regulations and to discuss arrangements for the year. This Committee will report to a meeting of the Association to be held at the School on February 1, at 8.30 p.m.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

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CHRISTIAN SPIRIT.

THIEF FORGIVEN.

CHANCE FOR BAD BOY.

"I am a Christian, and am ready to forgive," was the remark made in Magistrate Lindsay's Court this morning by a Chinese who appeared as complainant in a case against a 16-year old boy who admitted the theft of a quantity of clothing and some money, valued together at \$15, from the second floor of a house in Gough Street.

Inspector Furdan, who prosecuted, said that the accused lived on the same floor as the complainant. Early this morning he slipped into the complainant's copile and stole the property. When the complainant discovered his loss, he informed the police. Detectives arrested the accused who confessed his guilt, and said that he had pawned all the clothing while the money and a gold ring he had lost in gambling. Although the accused was not a relative of the complainant, said the Inspector, the latter did not wish to press the charge against him.

The Magistrate (to the accused): Why did you steal?—Because I had no money.

But you took some of the complainant's money as well as his clothing and jewellery.

The money I took was not sufficient, so I took the other things also. How can you face your friends after doing such a thing?—(No reply.)

Are you not ashamed of yourself?—(No reply.)

Inspector Furdan said, in reply to the Magistrate, that the accused had no parents here. He was in the charge of his brother-in-law who was present in Court.

Calling the latter up, the Magistrate asked why he did not take care of the accused and bring him up properly.

"I have tried, but he is absolutely out of control," was the reply.

The Magistrate (to the accused): You are a bad boy, I am told. You should be grateful to the complainant that he is not pressing the charge against you or you would have had to go to jail. You will be given a chance of changing your mode of life. You will be bound over in the sum of \$100, in two sureties of \$50 each, to be of good behaviour for six months.

CORONET THEATRE.

BURIAL OF UNKNOWN WARRIOR.

AN IMPRESSIVE PICTURE.

Of the pictures that the Coronet Theatre has shown, and these have included many of excellent merit, nothing has ever been as touching and impressive as the remarkable series now being presented of the Burial of the Unknown Warrior on Armistice Day. The pictures show the proceedings from the time the body was taken to the landing in France and put on a destroyer for transportation to England, to the entry of the funeral procession at Westminster Abbey. The great ceremony at the Cenotaph is shown with perfect clearness, and the scene that follows, of a long line of mothers and wives bearing their offerings of flowers to lay at the base of the Cenotaph, is one that no person can look upon without emotion.

The rest of the bill includes an entertaining novelty, "Yodavil," and Mitchell Lewis in "Children of Banishment," besides a news review.

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From	Per
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.	
Sourabaya	Komagata Maru
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.	
Japan	Eastern
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.	
Shanghai	Shantung
Straits	Tambara Maru
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22.	
Straits	Cape Finisterre
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MONDAY, JANUARY 24.	
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.	
Japan	Kawachi Maru
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Time
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.		
Keelung	Unnan Maru	4 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Taiming	4.30 p.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chongpa	5 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	Loonkong	5 p.m.
Japan	Totomi Maru	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Dairen	Kwankee	5 p.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai, & *North China	Tungshing	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.		
Amoy, *Shanghai and *North China	Sinkiang	8 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Armand Behic	10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Deraoongso	11 a.m.
*Swatow and *Saigon	Hwah Chie	11 a.m.
Keelung	Fushiki Maru	11 a.m.
Samsui	Hinsang	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haibong	11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN	Leising	1 p.m.
Hohow	Xue Ying Wa	5 p.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kapoor	5 p.m.
Amoy, and *Philippine Islands	Taiming	5 p.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 21.		
Swatow, *Straits and *Bangkok	Changhua	9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Loonkong	9 p.m.
Philippine Islands	Kwankee	9 p.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Changhua	9 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22.		
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Tambara Maru	10 a.m.
THURSDAY, ISLAND. Registration		
9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Eastern	3 p.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Kinkiang	3 p.m.
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*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Chongpa	3 p.m.
Marques, South Africa, India via		
Dharmakodi, Bombay, Aden, Egypt		
& EUROPE via MARSEILLES. Registration 5 p.m. Letters at 5 p.m.	Plassy	
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, 22nd Jan. at Noon.		
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23.		
*Swatow, *Amoy and Keelung	Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haibong	9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 24.		
Shanghai, North China, *Japan, *Canada, *United States, *Central & *South America, & *EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Manila Maru	
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Java Ports via Batavia	Tjikembang	10 a.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.		
Amoy, *Shanghai, and *North China	Shantung	11 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.		
*Shanghai, *North China, *Japan, *Canada, *United States, *Central & *South America, & *EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Kashima Maru	
Shanghai, North China, *Japan, *Canada, *United States, *Central & *South America, & *EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.20 a.m.		

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BRILLIANT RECITAL.

PROF. SKLAREVSKI'S SERIES.

ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

The third recital given by Prof. Alexander Sklarevski, the eminent pianist, took place yesterday at the City Hall before a large audience which expressed its appreciation of his excellent playing by loud applause and frequent demands for encores. His programme was as follows:

- I. Beethoven: Moonlight Sonata.
- (a) Adagio
- (b) Scherzo
- (c) Presto agitato
- II. Chopin: (a) Fantasia Impromptu
- (b) Valse, A flat major
- (c) Mazurka, G Sharp minor
- (d) Scherzo, B minor
- III. Spontini: Minuet antique
- List: Carrioso
- Borodine: In the Convent
- Strauss-Schulz-Erver
- "Blue Danube"
- (Arabesque on the themes of the Valse).

The several numbers were charmingly played. Professor Sklarevski's mastery of the piano was perhaps better displayed than in the difficult measures of the Presto Agitato movement in the "Moonlight Sonata" in Borodine's composition "In the Convent," and in the dashing measures of the Arabesque on the themes of the "Blue Danube" with which he closed his programme. It was with regret that the audience realized that it was his last recital of the series.

TRADE MARK INFRINGED.

SOAP SEIZED.

ALLEGED JAPANESE IMITATION.

In connection with a sale of soap, the Shi Cheung firm, of No. 10, Mercer Street, was this morning summoned at the Magistracy at the instance of Mr. M.J.D. Stephens, solicitor for infringing on the trade mark of F. J. Calvert, of Manchester and Bradford.

Mr. Stephens said that, having been empowered to institute proceedings against the defendants, he had seized 10 cases of soap bearing the infringing trade mark. The defendant had made a clear statement to him on the subject, and had given the name of a firm in Japan from which he said he had bought the soap. The defendants were prepared to sign an undertaking before the Magistrate to destroy all the trade marks in question. Mr. Stephens added that he proposed to file that undertaking in Court.

The Magistrate said that it was not for the Court to decide a settlement between the parties concerned. He was willing to take it from the defendants that they were agreeable to sign the undertaking and dismiss the summons.

The defendants asked for the return of the soap.

Mr. Stephens objected as the trade mark was heavily impressed on the soap.

The Magistrate ordered the forfeiture of the soap provisionally. If the defendants were able to find some means of melting it down, the soap would be returned to them.

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE CORONET

TO-DAY TILL THURSDAY.

At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 and 9.15

THE BURIAL IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY
OF AN UNKNOWN BRITISH WARRIOR

MITCHELL LEWIS

IN
"CHILDREN OF BANISHMENT"

BRITISH GAZETTE.

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HONGKONG THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT, at 5.15 & 9.15

HAZEL DAWN

IN
"CLARISSA"

A Paramount Picture in 5 parts.

THEATRE ROYAL

SATURDAY, January 22nd,
at 9.15 p.m.

STUPENDOUS ATTRACTION,

MADAME LOTTIE GORDON'S GRAND CHARITY CONCERT

in aid of the Blind Home, Kowloon, and
Pokfulam Home.

Under the Distinguished Patronage and in the presence of
His Excellency the Governor and Lady STUBBS,
Admiral Sir ALEXANDER DUFF and Miss DUFF,
Maj. Gen. Sir G. MACAULAY and Lady KIRKPATRICK,
and Commodore BOWDEN SMITH, C.B.E. and
Mrs. BOWDEN-SMITH.

ARTISTES.

Mr. Howard Freeman, Lieut. Col. Crosse, Mr. Reginald Meyer,
Madame Lottie Gordon, Mrs. Maurice Minney, Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mrs.
F. Cameron, Miss Nellie Williams, Miss B. D. Thomson, Miss Edie
Soares and the Misses. Allen and Doris Woods. Also part
songs: (ladies' voices).

GEMS FROM OPERA

An excellent, entertaining and humorous programme under
the Direction of Madame Lottie Gordon, L.A.B. of R.A.M.
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TICKETS AT MOUTRIE'S, ANDERSON'S, KELLY AND WALSH,
WISEMAN'S and HONGKONG HOTEL OFFICE.

Booking opened this morning at MOUTRIE'S and there was an
unprecedented demand for Seats.

Prices: \$3, \$2 and \$1.

THEATRE ROYAL

MONDAY, January 24th, 1921.

FOR A SHORT SEASON ONLY.

REYNOLDS DENNISTON Ltd.,

THE DENNISTON PLAYERS

"SHE WALKED IN HER SLEEP."

A Farce in Three Acts

What the Payers Say of "She Walked in Her Sleep"

"Englishman" Calcutta.

"The title is good, as a farce, and as played by the Company last night, it is really good goods. Go to it, to-night, if you can get seats, and you will bless the man who told you to go."

"Statesman" Calcutta.

As the Company produced the Farce last night at the Empire Theatre, it was a farce. Laughter rippled throughout the proceedings to say nothing of breaking out into every few minutes.

"Advocate of India" Bombay.

"She Walked in Her Sleep" is one of the funniest Farces Bombay has seen for a long time. It is a farce pure and simple, full of amusing scenes and witty lines.

"Times of India" Bombay.

"She Walked in Her Sleep" played as it was last night by the DENNISTON COMPANY, was altogether the funniest Farce we have ever seen in Bombay.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th. EVENING OF YOUTH (Play).

Performance, 8.15 p.m. SHARP. BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S.

POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

QUESTION OF LIABILITY.

INTERESTING POINT DISCUSSED.

Before Magistrate Orme at the Magistracy this morning, a boatman was charged with the unlawful possession on board his sampan in the harbour, of 4,816 taels of prepared non-Government opium, and 140 taels of raw opium.

Mr. J. M. Hall, who appeared for the defence, while admitting that the opium was on the boat, pleaded that his client was deceived by an smuggler who had hailed him from shore and employed him to take parcels to a ship in the fairway.

This his client undertook to do without knowing the contents of the parcels.

The Magistrate pointed out that the onus was on the defence to prove innocence.

Mr. Hall said that his client could not possibly have known the contents of the parcels unless he examined them. If he examined every farce's luggage, would it be possible for him ever to get a job? Counsel said that he might himself at any time be given a parcel by a client and accept it in good faith, without troubling to examine it, and the next minute be arrested by the police for carrying contraband.

The Magistrate: Would you accept a parcel from a client at 4 a.m.?

Mr. Hall admitted that he would not, but at the same time submitted that the offence was a technical one in that it was committed unconsciously. He asked the Magistrate to take a lenient view of the matter.